IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF BARCLAY ET AL.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement of January 23, 2008, Applicants hereby elect **Group II, claims 1-3, 6, 8, and 23** as drawn to a method for treating chronic pain comprising administering a compound which inhibits the activity of Mob-5.

Applicants file a one month petition for extension of time herewith, and believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, if it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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